

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 26

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 26 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND AFTERSCHOOL SNACK REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the United States Secretary of Agriculture to increase the federal breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snack reimbursement rates for Hawaii to fifteen percent more than the Alaskan reimbursement rates for breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snack, respectively.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, and the Ulupono Initiative.


Your Committee finds that all children should receive affordable nutritious meals. Nutritious meals encourage proper health and allow students to focus on learning in the classroom. The Child Nutrition Programs of the United States Department of Agriculture provide a subsidy for school meals to students of Hawaii. Your Committee believes that the cost for meals is higher in Hawaii than in any other state in the United States; specifically, the cost of food prepared at home for a family of four in Hawaii is seventy percent higher than in Alaska. Your Committee further finds that an increase in the federal reimbursement rates, which is consistent with the higher cost of



food in Hawaii, would allow the Child Nutrition Programs to reach more children.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 26 and recommends its adoption.

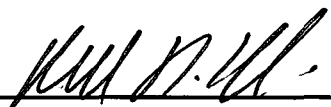
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR26</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDU, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-8-15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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